

REMARKS

Applicant has made a sincere effort to overcome the rejection made on the grounds of indefiniteness. The claims now clearly identify the "oxygen passage", "the instrument passage" and "the oxygen passage and/or instrument passage". No new matter is involved in the claims as amended.

Attention is directed to the drawings of record. Note that FIG. 4D shows the stopcock passage arrangement for the delivery of oxygen; FIG. 3D shows the stopcock passage arrangement for the delivery of an instrument; and with reference to FIG. 4D turning the stopcock clockwise 45° oxygen and/or an instrument can be accommodated.

It appears that the formal grounds of rejection have been satisfactorily addressed and the Examiner is requested to indicate allowable subject matter.

Respectfully submitted

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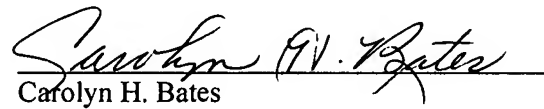
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